(e) what are the details of representations received against the findings of Price Review Committee;

(f) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have given a fresh look on these findings;

(g) whether his Ministry have found any discrepancies; and

(h) if so, what are the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The process of recovery of the amounts dues from the companies involved in the Supreme Court case is in the gress based on the judgement of the court.

(c) to (h) Developments arising on of the findings of the Review Committee are still in the process of being scrutinised.

Implementation of Government fixed prices for Dextropropoxyphene.

2184. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1326 given in the Rajya Sabha on 21st May, 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dextropropoxyphene has been price decontrolled for one producer;

(b) if so, upto what period;

(c) whether it is also a fact that decontrolled period has expired;

(d) whether it is also a fact that all the producers of Dextropropoxyphene have been overcharging the price from the commencement of the production; and

(e) if so, by when Government fixed prices would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) Dextropropoxyphene was price deiontrolled for M|s. Wockhardt Ltd., upto 25th April, 1990 based on the recommendations of the Kelkar Committee.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Instances of overcharging of prices by the producers have come to the notice of the Government. Manufacturers have already been issued notices to show cause for the alleged overcharging. Action would be taken against the manufacturers in accordance with the due process of law.

Anomalies and discrepancies in the report submitted by Committee on drug issues

2185. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2041 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th May, 1990 and state;

(a) what are the details of the anomalies and discrepancies found in the findings and reports of teams and committees appointed by his Ministry on drug issues;

(b) what are the findings and reports which have been re-examined and by when all the reports would be re-examined;

(c) what are the details of anomalies and discrepancies which have been rectified;

(d) whether it is a fact that Standing Committee has recommended certain drugs for price control;

(e) if so, what action has been taken on those recommendations;

(f) whether it is also a fact that apart from list of price controlled drugs the Standing Committee has taken certain other decisions; and

(g) if so, what are the details of those decisions and by when those would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c) A number of representations were received against the report of the Kelkar Committee, Special Team, Murthy Committee and the Committee which studied the norms for conversion cost and packing charges in respect of formulations. Standing Committee is already reviewing the anomalies relating to exclusion and inclusion of drugs and the amounts assessed by the Special Team upto 1983 in the Supreme Court case have already revised on a tentative basis.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) 26 bulk drugs have already been included under price control based on the recommendations of the Standing Committee.

(f) & (g) Standing Committee is a permanent forum to review the recommendations of the Kelkar Committee and other drug issues. It submits its recommendations to the Government for consideration. Decisions of the Govt. on some issues connected with price control, price decontrol, categorisation etc. have already been announced.

Reduction in the prices of Scheduled bulk drugs

2186. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Question 2049 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th May, 1990 and state:

(a) what are the names of scheduled drugs out of 10 bulk drugs whose prices have been reduced due to reduction of duty on their intermediates;

(b) when the price of each was reduced;

(c) what was the earlier price of each and what is the present price;

(d) what are the revised prices of finished medicines based on these drugs; and

(e) what was the earlier price of each and what is the present price?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Out of the 10 scheduled bulk drugs which were specified in Notification No. 40|90 customs dated the 20th March, 1990, production of Carbamezapine have been discontinued by M|s. S. G. Pharmaceuticals there have been price increase of Chloramphenicol inspite of duty reduction and there have been price reduction in the case of Doxycycline.

(b) and (c) The price of Doxycycline was reduced from Rs. 5456 per kg. to Rs. 4968 with effect from 9th August, 1990.

(d) to (e) Prices of formulations based on this bulk drug are being worked out and would be announced shortly.

Categorisation of drugs needed for Recovery of Health Programme

2187. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2068 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th May, 1990 and state;

(a) when did his Ministry take the decision to obtain the list of all the drugs required for National Health Programmes from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare;

(b) whether his Ministry have written on this issue to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare;

(c) if so, when and what is the response of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare; and

(d) by when his Ministry would be able to finalise the list of category I drugs?